SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF LICENSURE

PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

RE: HEIDI HOUGHTALING, LPN **OF LPN LICENSE**

WITH PROBATION

License No. P006831,

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Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Heidi Houghtaling, LPN ("Licensee"), held a license to practice as a practical nurse in the State of South Dakota and held license number P006831; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2005, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order signed by Licensee on June 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee's LPN license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-57, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request in writing dated January 16, 2008, and personally appeared before the Board on April 11, 2008, at which time the matter of License's reinstatement was presented to the Board. Licensee presented a letter from her physician and a letter of recommendation. She provided testimony and answered questions of the Board. HPAP Program Director Maria Eining presented a report on Licensee's participation in the Health Professionals Assistance Program

("HPAP") and provided a return to work report; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee's request, the documents and letters submitted, the Licensee's testimony and the testimony of Maria Eining, and being fully advised in the premises; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That the Licensee's license to practice as an LPN in South Dakota shall be reinstated and placed on a probationary status for sixty (60) months of active practice as an LPN or employment as an LPN. Probationary terms set by the Board shall be completely followed by the Licensee. In addition, probationary terms and monitoring conditions shall be set by the HPAP and the Licensee shall fully comply with these terms and conditions. After verification from HPAP that the Licensee has completed all monitoring terms, the Licensee may petition the Board for closure of her probation. The Licensee is not entitled to early closure of probation. The duration of the terms of probation as set by the HPAP shall not be less than the initial term of sixty (60) months. However, the Board of Nursing allows the Licensee credit for time already spent in the HPAP program beginning July 7, 2007. It is recognized that the Board may require additional probationary time or additional terms upon completion of HPAP.

3. Additionally, Licensee shall comply with the following conditions during her probation:

CONDITIONS

- 1. Licensee shall at any time during the time of probation, report in person to such meetings of the Board or to its designated representatives as directed and otherwise fully cooperate with the Board or its representatives in the terms of this probation.
- 2. Licensee shall notify the Board as well as the HPAP, in writing, within one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, personal address, and/or telephone number.
- 3. The Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out any conditions of probation.
- 4. The Licensee shall have no access to any narcotics in the first year of practice.
- 5. If a personal prescription is needed for a narcotic or sedative, or for a medication that is shown to have addictive propensities, Licensee shall refrain from practice while this prescription is active.
- 6. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Order, Licensee shall be issued her LPN license by the Board office and it is to be stamped "PROBATION".
- 7. If the Licensee violates any terms of this probation, the Licensee agrees that the Board may take such action against Licensee's license as the Board deems necessary,

up to and including immediate suspension, additional probationary terms, revocation or other disciplinary action.

8. The Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice

of nursing.

9. Licensee shall not practice nursing in any other state than South Dakota,

which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization

from both the Board and the Nursing Regulatory Authority in the party state in which the

Licensee desires to practice.

10. This probation also affects Licensee's practice privilege to practice in South

Dakota should Licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact and

Licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this Order

as her South Dakota license.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Reinstatement Order of LPN License

with Probation was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 11th day of

April, 2008, by a vote of 9-0.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director

South Dakota Board of Nursing